

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of July 25, 2006, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Disclosure

The disclosure is objected to because the amendment incorporates the entire specification of the parent application.

Accordingly, this incorporation statement has been cancelled.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objects to claim 1, line 1, stating that the recitation "method for inhibiting the decrease of active-oxygen-eliminating activity" is grammatically a double negative.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "increasing the residual active-oxygen-eliminating activity." As shown in Tables 3 and 4 of the specification, the residual active-

oxygen-eliminating activity is increased by addition of
trehalose.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner states that there are no examples in the specification in which trehalose has been added to a beverage to inhibit the reaction of catechin or hesperidins compounds contained therein with oxygen, wherein the beverage is maintained in liquid form.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to recite ~~-aqueous system-~~in place of "beverage", support for this amendment can be found in the specification as filed in Experiment 4, particularly at page 22, last line.


In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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